



Papillon House School Newsletter

Spring Term 1 - Friday 16th January 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have continued our Jigsaw theme at Papillon thinking about our dreams, goals and achievements for the New Year. Lots of pupils have challenged themselves this week to reach a new goal. Well done to Logan S who tried using chopsticks for the first time to eat his pasta! Bailey was really adventurous this week and tried lots of new food including avocado, spring onions and honey! Gabrielius attended swimming on Tuesday, got into the pool and swam a whole length with no floatation device! Shelbie attended horse riding on Thursday and rode the horse for the whole session whilst Jack and Joseph and have been working on their independence skills, moving around the school and returning to class. Well done to you all!

Primary Department News

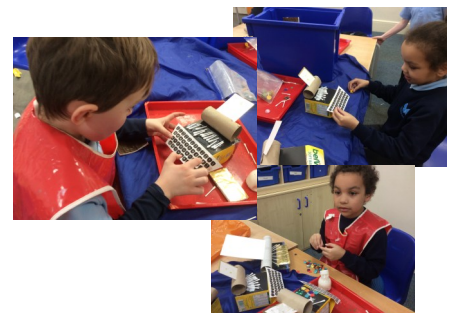
Caterpillar Class had a lovely trip out to Jubilee Woodlands this week, exploring the area and climbing the equipment. Swallowtail Class joined us and it was lovely to see some of the older children supporting the little ones. They have all engaged with TACPAC and have enjoyed lots of different attention circles and also enjoyed exploring coloured water with whisks. The horse riding group had a good time with the horses and it was lovely to see Shelbie and Amberley ride for the full session.

Meadow Class have continued their learning with their topic book "The Story Machine" by Tom Mclaughlin by using a typewriter in English and making their own typewriters in making on Thursday. Also, the class had their first tennis session on Monday with Callum, which went very well - Tiana is a budding tennis star! Additionally, the class enjoyed a trip to Leatherhead LIDL on Tuesday to buy some materials for a future making session.

Peacock Class started the week celebrating Joesph's birthday at Ashtead Garden Centre where they sang Happy Birthday to him in the café. They also enjoyed a visit to Ikea in Croydon where they looked at the rainforest animals in the soft toy department! Peacock Class have been working hard on their phonics this week learning the 'er' sound. In maths, we have been learning about 'more or less', using solid objects such as cubes, fruit and toys to support our learning. We continued our knowledge of using knives safely to make fruit kebabs cutting raspberries, kiwis, grapes and satsumas, arranging them on our skewers. All the children enjoyed sniffing, licking or tasting their skewers!

Reminders & Requests

Please could we ask that all children and young people have a **named PE kit** in school to include a white t-shirt, black/grey/navy PE shorts or tracksuit bottoms, and plimsoles/trainers. If your child is participating in off-site activities such as swimming, horse riding, cycling etc, please can you ensure that your child has the correct clothing and equipment to participate. If you are unsure of what items are needed please contact the office. Thank you.



Secondary Department News

Swallowtail Class did some phonics work on Monday, reading stories and answering questions on the text they had read. On Tuesday they made a pasta salad with tomatoes, onions, soya sauce and courgettes. We practised our cutting skills and all tasted the pasta. It was a real hit with everyone! The class had a great trip to Jubilee Woods on Wednesday with Caterpillar Class. They enjoying looking after the little ones and playing tag in the park. Yesterday we went to Tesco Gatwick and bought ingredients for our tasting snack. We tried poppadum's, mango chutney and enjoyed a cafe treat.

Monarch Class enjoyed tennis at Ebbisham Sports Centre on Monday and we had a lovely party in the afternoon to celebrate Jenny's 13th birthday! On Tuesday, we completed some lovely work learning about famous UK landmarks. On Wednesday the children made vegetable pasta bake in their cooking session and yesterday in science, we learned about the importance of dental hygiene. We also went to Banstead Library and had a turn on the magic interactive table. Today, the children continued with their new focus in P.E, badminton and did some fantastic reflection work.

Admiral Class have been exploring the community this week. Some learners went swimming on Tuesday and everyone enjoyed this a lot. On Wednesday some of us went to Box Hill for a walk and today some learners went to Wing Yip. In our Jigsaw lesson we discussed the importance of saving money for when we are older. In our PSHE session this week we thought about what is needed to be a good friend and what it means to be respectful of them and each other, understanding that we have different interests and how to be respectful of others' ideas and opinions.

Emperor Class have been learning about the evolution of media and used their new knowledge to create informative posters. In Science, we focused on animal diets, learning to identify herbivores, carnivores, and omnivores. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the gym and café on Wednesday, and the students did a fantastic job preparing sausage baguettes and sticky toffee pudding for Emperor Café on Thursday.



Our "Stars" this week are:

- Caterpillar Class** Teddy for "engaging in more activities in the class and joining in with group activities."
- Meadow Class** Tiana for "an amazing first tennis session on Monday."
- Peacock Class** Jack for "great maths in his streamed lesson."
- Swallowtail Class** Logan for "trying to use chopsticks this week."

Photo Gallery



Joseph (Peacock Class) celebrated his birthday this week and received a gem experiment kit.

Therapy

Well done to Thomas Horton for starting to practice his typing skills in his therapy session. Thomas also made a lovely bacon sandwich independently! Well done Thomas! *Emma Kennington-Speech and Language Therapist and Clara Boxall- Occupational Therapy Assistant.*

A big well done to William who has been working on cutlery skills in his morning work this week and demonstrated his skills by independently cutting playdoh during our session on Friday!

Clara Boxall- Occupational Therapy Assistant.



Important Dates

Diary Dates

Below is a list of events taking place in the Spring Term. Further information will be sent nearer the time. The assembly theme for next week is World Religion Day.

DAY	DATE	TIME	EVENT
Tuesday	10th February	All day	Safer Internet Day
Friday	13th February	3pm	End of Spring Term 1
Monday	23rd February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Tuesday	24th February	All day	INSET day—school closed for staff training
Wednesday	25th February	9.25am	Children return for Spring Term 2—Secondary Pentathlon
Thursday	5th March	All day	World Book Day (mufti day)
Monday	16th March	am	Primary Cinema Trip
Monday	23rd March	am	Secondary Cinema Trip

Papillon 'Quote of the Week'

“Jaxson (Caterpillar Class) tried strawberry ice-cream for the first time with a beaming smile, a giggle and also a little dance!”

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